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SUBJECT: LAOS CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND ITS MILITARY PROTOCOL

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1. ON MARCH 20, DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY AND EMBOFF CALLED ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN TO DISCUSS TEXT OF MILITARY PROTOCOL AND LAOS CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT GENERALLY. MOST OF THE MEETING WAS SPENT IN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 3(D) OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, DURING WHICH WE EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING LANGUAGE IN MILITARY PROTOCOL ALONG LINES OF THE FOLLOWING:

QUOTE IN ORDER TO FORBID FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOREIGN WAR MATERIAL FROM ENTERING LAOS AGAIN, BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING: (A) UNTIL THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IS FORMED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT, IT IS FORBIDDEN FOR THE FORCES OF EITHER SIDE TO RECEIVE ANY FOREIGN WEAPONS OR WAR MATERIAL UNLESS BOTH SIDES AGREE ON THE REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR WORN- OUT EQUIPMENT. (B) THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AND, LATER, THE PERMANENT GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION SHALL STRICTLY RESPECT ALL ARTICLES OF THE 1962 GENEVA ACCORD CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN WEAPONS AND WAR MATERIAL. UNQUOTE.

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2. PHENG AGREED THAT LANGUAGE SUCH AS THE ABOVE
WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH FRENCH TEXT
TOMORROW.

3. JOHNSON WILL MOST LIKELY ARRIVE WASHINGTON MARCH 24.
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